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**LOUISIANA STATE EXHIBIT MUSEUM TO PRESENT SIGNATURES EXHIBIT**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne is announcing the opening of an extraordinary exhibit from the private collection of Charlton E. Meyer Jr. and Gloria B. Meyer titled "American Heritage: Autographing History" on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.

The exhibit consists of letters, photographs and other documents bearing signatures of historical significance to Louisiana and to the United States. The signatures include former presidents Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, explorer Daniel Boone, rock and roll legend Elvis Presley and Louisiana's first statehood governor, William C.C. Claiborne, among many others.

"This is an incredible collection that will provide a fascinating glimpse into America's past," Secretary Dardenne said. "We are grateful to the Meyer family for sharing this one-of-a-kind treasure with the people of Louisiana."

The exhibit will be on display until further notice. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular museum hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon until 4 p.m. Admission is free and tours are available by appointment. For more information about the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum and the Secretary of State's Museums Program, please visit our Web site at <http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/museums>.

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